

I am in support to the ARRL recommendations to allow the use of the digital formats within the amateur radio service. The digital formats for the use in the amateur radios service will promote the narrow band operation.

With having the experience of building some very large amateur radio net linked repeater system. If we were to do it all over again. The TDMA format makes much more sense to the amateur radio community than an analog single channel repeater system. This gives the amateur radio community the flexibility to talk wide area or locally depending on the incident response as such districts or volunteer groups need to communicate.

The Proposed Rule Making that would allow the use of TDMA subscribers within the Part 97 service will promote the use of commercially type accepted equipment and readily available equipment to use on these systems.

This rule making effort by the ARRL has been needed for years and look forward to the FCC's approval to authorize the digital formats within the part 97 service.

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